

that everything takes longer than I thought it would—especially the mail service. I have had to use telefax on a few occasions when “we simply must have it by Friday.” Be sure to allow yourself plenty of time. My exchange took longer to arrange than most I know of, but much of that time was spent finding an exchange partner.

Another thing I learned was that in your initial inquiry, make your institution and area as attractive as possible. I doubt that too many people in Ireland are all that familiar with Vermont. After I described the city and noted that it was located 90 minutes from Montreal and 4 hours from Boston, the area seemed much more attractive. After my

initial letter received so few responses, I jazzed it up so that I emphasized the city and area more. I know this made a vast difference.

It has now been two years since I first started to think about the possibility of an exchange. It was hard to believe it until I actually was sitting at my desk at Trinity College. Since most of my time had been taken up with what Brid would encounter when she arrived in Vermont, I really hadn't any time to worry or wonder about what awaited me in Dublin. I'm sure when I return next Fall, all the time, frustrations, and worries of the past two years will be just a memory and it will have all been worthwhile. ■■

Newberry Library and Center for Research Libraries announce cooperative plan

The Newberry Library, Chicago's pre-eminent humanities research library, and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) have agreed to inaugurate a program of inter-institutional cooperation. The program stresses improved access to each other's collections as well as joint projects in preservation and collection development.

Newberry Library fellows may now use CRL's unrestricted collections on site at the Newberry or through interlibrary loan. The Newberry in turn is offering to CRL member institutions, via interlibrary loan, materials from its collection of American Indian studies on microform. Newberry Library collections have traditionally not been available for loaning to other libraries.

The two institutions are planning cooperative collection development to extend their resources. Mutually beneficial collaboration in preservation and conservation will blend the extensive experience of CRL in preservation microfilming with the significant expertise in conservation and restoration practices of the Newberry staff, which has

been a leader in this field.

A joint working group has been established to recommend procedures for implementing all areas of cooperation.

The Newberry Library, which celebrates its 100th birthday this fall, houses collections in history and the humanities from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. The Newberry awards some \$300,000 annually in fellowships for research in residence, sponsors four centers for scholarly research, and conducts numerous outreach programs to draw public attention to its collections.

The Center for Research Libraries was founded in 1949 to provide a means by which the libraries of major research institutions can practice cooperative collection development and management. The Center's principal program is the acquisition and preservation of a dedicated-to-lending collection, now exceeding 3.6 million volumes and 1.2 million microfilm units, that complements and supplements the collections of its 150 member institutions. ■■

ACRL executive summary

Every month, JoAn Segal, ACRL's executive director, will summarize Association activity. The "Executive Summary" will highlight accomplishments of broad interest to the Association.

Although the New Orleans Conference seems a long way off, Sandy Donnelly has been soliciting new course proposals, advertising scholarships and cooperative courses, and developing new courses on "Negotiating Contracts with Vendors" and "In-

formation Liability," based on last spring's needs assessment.

ACRL President Joanne Euster appointed a new Task Force on Awards to review ACRL's awards program and make recommendations—Joan Chambers chairs the task force.

Mary Ellen Davis is working with the ACRL Performance Measures chair Virginia Tiefel to revise and circulate an RFP seeking an author for a *Manual of Output Measures for Academic Li-*